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Cambridge Police Department Honored for BridgeStat Program

September 29, 2011 – The BridgeStat program, begun in July 2010 by the Cambridge Police Department, recently received an award from the International Association of Crime Analysts in the statistical bulletin category at the 2011 IACA Training Conference in Hyannis.

Spearheaded by the Cambridge Police Department Crime Analysis Unit, BridgeStat is a multi-layered, dynamic, intelligence-based approach to crime reduction, quality of life improvement, and personnel and resource management based on four distinct principles – accurate and timely intelligence, effective tactics, rapid deployment, and relentless follow-up and assessment. At its core is a philosophy that fosters teamwork and creative problem solving. Police personnel hold bi-weekly meetings to devise strategies and tactics to solve problems, reduce crime, and ultimately improve quality of life in our community.

“Receiving this recognition from an international association is a significant accomplishment and reflects the hard work and dedication of our Crime Analysis staff,” said Cambridge Police Deputy Superintendent Paul Ames.

Through BridgeStat, the Cambridge Police Department produces a monthly public report to the community on current police priorities in terms of crime, traffic, community concerns, and disorder issues in the city.

To learn more about BridgeStat, and to access the presentations made available to the public on the first Friday of each month, visit www.CambridgePolice.org/BridgeStat.

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The International Association of Crime Analysts has over 2,000 members from 38 nations. Members include crime analysts, intelligence analysts, police officers of all ranks, educators, and students. The IACA was formed in 1990 to help crime analysts around the world improve their skills and make valuable contacts, to help law enforcement agencies make the best use of crime analysis, and to advocate for standards of performance and technique within the profession itself.

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